required to pass an examination, by a medical practitioner having a knowledge of Massage; that each candidate pay a fee on application for examination, a proportion of which would be returned if unsuccessful; and that, on passing, a certificate of membership should be granted, which should state that the pupil is proficient in the principles and practice of Massage, and agrees to conform to the regulations of the Association. Arrangements could be made for an examiner to undertake these examinations at stated times in the various large centres, the fees for such examinations being paid out of the subscriptions of members, candidates' fees, etc. By some such scheme as I have sketched out, and with a strict code of ethics to govern the action of members, all semblance of deception would be removed from the minds of the profession and the public; the ranks of Massage operators would not be overcrowded with untrained and unsuitable persons, and Massage would at once be placed upon the scientific basis in therapeutics that its importance deserves.—Yours faithfully, E. LUKE FREER,

Late Hon. Surgeon, Birmingham Royal Orthopædic and Spinal Hospital.

# Comments and Replies.

#### REPLIES.

Miss Rowlands, Perth.—Greatly obliged for enclosure; it will be inserted at an early date. We shall be grateful for any really well-written novels in good condition, which you can send for use in the library of the R.B.N.A. It is hoped shortly to organize a first-class lending library for the members.

Mrs. Greenwood, London.—We cannot advise you to take up massage unless you combine it with Nursing. There are already so many operators, and they find great difficulty in earning a living. Good cooks, who are sober and trustworthy, are in great demand. Sister Mary, Manchester.—Your suggestion is an excellent one. As soon as the Association is settled in new offices, we should recommend you to bring your scheme before the Executive Committee.

#### LETTERS RECEIVED.

- Miss Alice Arnold, Newmarket; Mrs. Roberts Austen (with enclosure); Miss Armitage, Halifax.
- B. Miss Lilian Bousfield, Biarritz; Miss Berry, New York (with enclosure).
- E. Surgeon Lt.-Col. Evatt, Woolwich (with enclosure).
- G. Mrs. Gordon, London (with enclosure).
- H. Ulla Hanidnorshold, Stockholm; Miss Harding, Kew.
- L. Miss Emily Liehman, Philadelphia.
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- N. Mrs. Norton, York; Mrs. Norris, Edinburgh; Miss Nora Newton, Limerick.
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- s. Miss Surtees, Rugby (with enclosure); Miss G. Sullivan, Dublin.
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